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SUBJECT: USE OF US TEAR GAS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES APPARENTLY BASED ON BRAZILIAN PRESS ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF US MADE TEAR GAS DURING SAO PAULO DISTURBANCES LAST FALL. CLAIM HAS BEEN MADE THAT TEAR GAS BANNED IN US IN 1971 AS HARMFUL WAS EXPORTED TO BRAZIL BY A US MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. GAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BURNS.

2. AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT ABLE TO DETERMINE, NO TEAR GAS HAS BEEN BANNED HERE, AND NO GAS HAS BEEN EXPORTED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES. DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE EXPORT TO BRAZIL OF BOTH CN AND CS, THE TWO TYPES OF GASES IN GENERAL US USE AS RIOT CONTROL AGENTS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REPORT AND EVALUATE PRESS OR OTHER
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ALLEGATIONS RELATIVE TO USE OF US TEAR GAS IN LAST FALLS
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